

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit the translator's declaration verifying the translation of German Patent Application No. 10 2004 005 935.7 filed February 6, 2004. Accordingly, the claim of priority for this application is now perfected. Applicants further submit that the effective U.S. filing date of this application is February 6, 2004, based on German Patent Application No. 10 2004 005 935.7, which is cited in the Application Data Sheet. The latter date precedes the grant date of European patent specification EP 1 113 516, which is April 28, 2004.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in consideration for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No. 102063.56866US.

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